Increase in the grant for road upgradation projects

2062. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to extend 40 per cent grant to road projects for Nationwide road upgradation project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the projects to be undertaken in Orissa;

(d) whether it would be outside the purview of the on-going National Highway Development Project; and

(e) the body that would oversee the works to ensure transparency and timely completion of the works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) These have not been finalised.

(c) No stretches have been finalised.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Its too early to give any details since no final decision has been taken on this issue.

Roads in Madhya Pradesh

2063. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI.

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the road length per thousand of square kilometres in Madhya Pradesh during 1996-97;

(b) in what way it compares with the position at the country level; and

(c) the reasons for low density so far as Madhya Pradesh is concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways only. All other roads fall within the purview of the respective State Government. The National Highway length per thousand square km. in Madhya Pradesh during 1996-97 was 6.58 km. compared to the current percentage of 15.1 km.

(b) and (c) The All India percentage of National Highway length per thousand square km. is 17.7 The figures of Madhya Pradesh are comparable.

Mobile trauma care vans

2064. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents on the National Highways, showing the number of deaths separately, during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) whether Government would introduce 'mobile trauma care vans' on the National Highways besides constructing traumacare centres at specific points along the stretches of Highways to provide quick relief to accident victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The State-wise details for the years 1999, 2000 and 2001 are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) The Minister of Health and Family Welfare provides assistance to the States/UTs under the scheme of 'Assistance for Capacity Building' for upgradation of emergency services/trauma care facilities in hospitals including those located near the National Highways. Besides this Ministry also provides Cranes and Ambulances under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme to State Governments/Non Governmental Organisations for transporting road accident victims to nearest place where medical facilities are available.